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Elementary level teacher charged with sex assault

CHILLIWACK A 38-year-old elementary school teacher in Chilliwack has been arrested and charged with two counts of sexual assault and two counts of interference, RCMP announced yesterday.

The charges stem from a complaint made by a parent in relation to incidents alleged to have occurred from September 2009 to May 2010.

Jason Epp is not allowed to have contact with current or former students, and is banned from public parks, playgrounds and recreational areas where children may be present.

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B.C. Rail corruption trial hears of alleged bribes

Lobbyist, testifying under immunity, set to be a key witness

Two former B.C. government aides received thousands of dollars in cash and meals, tickets to an NFL game in Colorado and offers for a federal political job in exchange for leaking confidential documents, a Crown lawyer said on the opening day of a corruption trial.

Bill Berardino said yesterday that Dave Basi and Bobby Virk passed on the government information they swore to keep secret to a Victoria-based lobbyist working for one of three bidders vying for B.C. Rail.

He said a third former government employee, Aneal Basi, allegedly moved "regular payments" from the lobbyist through his bank account to that of his cousin, Dave Basi.

Virk and Dave Basi are facing charges of fraud and breach of trust, while Aneal Basi is charged with money laundering.

The lobbyist, Erik Bornmann, is a key witness who is expected to testify under an immunity agreement, Berardino said in laying out the Crown's case.

Bornmann worked for Pilothouse, the firm that represented Denver-based OmniTrax as it tried to buy B.C. Rail.

All charges stem from the men's activities between April 2002 and December 2003 in connection with the $1-billion sale of the Crown-owned corporation.

The criminal investigation culminated in a sensational raid of the ornate B.C. legislature building on Dec. 28, 2003, when Mounties armed with search warrants carted away dozens of boxes of evidence.

At the time, Dave Basi worked for then-finance minister Gary Collins and Virk was employed in the office of then-transportation minister Judith Reid.

Virk's defence lawyer, Kevin McCullough, interrupted usual decorum by objecting twice to the Crown's opening statement.

Judge Anne MacKenzie responded by telling McCullough the opening statement was proper and threatened to have him removed by the sheriff.

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Bangkok **Troops fire on protesters**

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Thai soldiers take cover behind a tank at Lumpini Park in downtown Bangkok earlier this morning. Thai troops opened fire into the fortified encampment of anti-government protesters in downtown Bangkok, ramming armoured vehicles into tire-and-bamboo barricades. An eyewitness has reported seeing three foreign journalists shot. Story, page 4.

Lawyer to investigate complaint of teachers' bureau

FACT-FINDING A Victoria lawyer was appointed yesterday to scrutinize the B.C. College of Teachers (BCCT) following a complaint by the college's council that the regulatory body has been hijacked by the teachers' union.

Don Avison will act as fact-finder and has been asked to determine whether the BCCT is fulfilling its mandate under the Teaching Profession Act, said Margaret MacDiarmid, B.C.'s education minister.

BCCT

- BCCT establishes professional education standards and certifies teachers. Its board is made up of elected and appointed members.

MacDiarmid's announcement follows a letter signed by 11 of 20 of BCCT board members who claim the college is "hampered" by ongoing influence from the B.C. Teachers' Federation (BCTF), the union representing 41,000 schoolteachers.

"How can the public have confidence in decisions when the line between the (regulating body and union) is so blurred?" said BCCT chair Richard Walker.

The letter asked MacDiarmid to suspend their upcoming election and appoint an investigator. Since then, MacDiarmid said she heard concerns from groups representing parents, school trustees, superintendents and principals.

Calling it a "manufactured crisis," BCTF second-vice-president Jim Iker said the union looked forward to meeting with the fact-finder.

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Lions on lookout for new Leo

The B.C. Lions are looking for a new person to wear the Leo the Lion mascot costume, left. The organization's fan club says candidates should be able to lift approximately 50 pounds and have the ability to analyze and interpret common social expressions related to the mascot. More information is at www.bclions.com/page/careers.

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Development eyed for Squamish lands

SITE A large residential and commercial development is planned for the lands around the south end of the Burrard Street Bridge.

A spokesperson for the Squamish Nation, which owns the lands, said it'll take about one year before details are announced.

"We are just in the planning stages ... looking at both residential and commercial," said Chief Gibby Jacob of the site adjacent to the Molson Brewery.

No approval is needed from the City of Vancouver because the Squamish Nation has its own zoning authority.

"We have to go back to citizens of our nation to lay out what we are proposing to get their approval," said Jacob.

He added that the proposed condo units would be available for sale or rental to anyone interested.

"We will double our (3,600 Squamish Nation) population in the next 20 to 25 years ... One of our biggest needs is housing."

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The Moose **Habs pride**

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Vancouverites Gavin Cameron, left, and Ashi Minhas at The Moose on Nelson Street yesterday during Game 2 of the series between the Montreal Canadiens and Philadelphia Flyers. The bar, owned by Habs fan Cameron, has become a regular gathering place for people looking to cheer for the last remaining Canadian team in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Furlong chairing Own the Podium board

SPORT The architect of Vancouver's Olympics will now build high-level sport in Canada.

VANOC CEO John Furlong was made chair of a new advisory board for Canada's Own the Podium program, the federal government announced yesterday.

"A new culture of winning was installed in all Canadians during the 2010 Games," said Alex Baumann, who won double gold in swimming at the 1984 Games in Los Angeles.

Baumann, CEO of Own the Podium, said the advisory board headed by Furlong will bring the skills and knowledge to focus the nation's best athletes in their drive for the podium.

The program, which receives $69 million per year from the federal government as well as some private-sector money, was created to make Canada the top medal winner at the 2010 Olympics. It now aims to make Canada a top-12 nation for the 2012 Olympics in London.

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News in brief

CHARGED An 18-year-old Surrey man is facing charges after a White Rock police officer was choked from behind while trying to break up a fight on Friday night.

WANTED RCMP are looking for a man who was seen videotaping children playing tennis at Walnut Grove Secondary School in Langley. An instructor approached the suspect, who said he was a sport scout interested in the players.

DRIVER A 36-year-old man with a 50-year driving prohibition was caught riding an allegedly stolen motorcycle in Aldergrove. This is the second time in three weeks that Lower Mainland police have arrested a man on a motorcycle with a 50-year prohibition.

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Alleged bawdy house busted

Police discover 17-year-old girl at Burrard residence

LAURA FORTEY
for Metro Vancouver

An anonymous tip led to the breakup of an alleged brothel in downtown Vancouver said to employ an underage girl, a police spokesperson said yesterday.

According to Const. Lindsey Houghton, three women were found in an apartment at 909 Burrard St., including a 17-year-old girl, when officers executed a search warrant on May 12.

The two older women, aged 33 and 44, are visitors from Hong Kong and Taiwan. They're being investigated by the Canada Border Services Agency.

The girl, a home-stay student from China, was released into the care of the Ministry of Child and Family Development.

Police began an investigation in January after receiving a tip that an underage girl worked at the apartment.

Houghton alleged a man described as the "keeper" of the operation used Craigslist to lure women to work for him and to advertise sexual services.

Xiao Jin Zhao, a 44-year-old Vancouver resident, is facing various prostitution-related charges.

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PM's style is on Tories' dime, not taxpayers'
Prime Minister Harper's personal stylist has her salary paid by the Conservative Party of Canada, not taxpayers, it was revealed yesterday. How Michelle Muntean's full-time salary is paid has been a secret closely guarded by the Prime Minister's Office since Harper came to power in 2006. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada/World

No cash for women?

Not one woman was among the recipients this week when Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government handed out big dollars for big thinkers.

Of the 19 people selected to be the first of the "prestigious" Canada Excellence Research Chairs, receiving up to $10 million in total in federal money over the next seven years, all were men. Some women scholars are outraged, and even Industry Minister Tony Clement is concerned by the total shutout of female researchers.

It comes when the Conservative government is already under criticism for how it is handling women's issues — the new ban on support for abortions in overseas aid, cuts to women's advocacy groups and the winding-down of the long-gun registry.

On this issue, though, the Conservative minister in charge is sympathetic.

"It really stands out, and I said: 'Where are the women?'" Clement said yesterday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Explosion kills Canadian colonel in Afghanistan

KABUL The highest-ranking member of the Canadian Forces to die to date in Afghanistan was a career infantryman and "rising star," admired for his smarts and professionalism and loved as a friend with an infectious sense of humour, one of his fellow colonels said yesterday.

Col. Geoff Parker

Col. Geoff Parker, 42, a one-time commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment, was killed when a man believed to be working for the Taliban drove a car full of explosives into a NATO convoy during morning rush hour on the edge of Kabul.

The attack also killed 12 Afghan civilians and five U.S. soldiers, making it the single deadliest strike against the coalition in Afghanistan's capital city in more than seven months.

Parker, based at Land Force Central Area Headquarters in Toronto, was in Kabul preparing his team for an upcoming undisclosed mission, said Col. Simon Hetherington, deputy commander of Task Force Kandahar. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Thai soldiers run to take cover near an anti-government barricade earlier today in Bangkok.

Troops open fire in Thailand clash

SHOWDOWN Thai troops opened fire earlier today into the fortified encampment of anti-government protesters in downtown Bangkok, ramming armoured vehicles into its tire-and-bamboo barricade in what appears to be a final crackdown after a week of deadly clashes.

Associated Press reporters saw the troops firing automatic rifles from an overpass overlooking the encampment. Groups of soldiers also fired from crouching positions on the tracks of an elevated light rail system that runs over the encampment. "This is D-Day," said one soldier when asked if this was the final push to clear the protest zone.

Thick black smoke from a mountain of burning tires darkened the skies, billowing over the skyscrapers of this Asian metropolis of 10 million that has descended into chaos over the last week, with at least 39 killed. The demonstrators marched into Bangkok in mid-March to demand the resignation of the prime minister and immediate elections. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Casualties?

An Associated Press photographer saw three foreign journalists shot in Bangkok early this morning, one of whom appeared to be dead.

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NASA head to Norway: No more oilsands

ENVIRONMENT The head of NASA is trying to persuade the prime minister of Norway to order the country's state-owned energy giant to get out of Alberta's oilsands.

James Hansen has written an open letter in a Norwegian newspaper asking the government to vote in favour of a motion at Statoil's annual general meeting today to end the company's oilsands project.

Hansen, known for his strong views on climate change, says a small, progressive nation like Norway may be more willing to lead by example than other countries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

FIREBOMB Anarchists who claim to have firebombed a bank in Ottawa are vowing to take their protests to the G8 and G20 summits to be held in Ontario next month. Ottawa police are investigating a fire at a downtown Royal Bank branch early yesterday. The anarchists claim they set the fire to a Royal branch because the bank was a sponsor of the Vancouver Olympics, which was held "on stolen indigenous land." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alleged Chinese swinger could face five years in jail

SEX Last month, Ma Yaohai, a 53-year-old college professor, and 21 others went on trial in the city of Nanjing, accused of "group licentiousness" — the first time anyone has been charged under a 1997 law. The case has touched off a deeper debate about sexual freedom in a country that is trying to reshape its own modern morality.

A verdict on Ma, the only member to plead innocent, is expected tomorrow, said his lawyer, Yao Yongan. The charge carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

SANCTIONS The U.S. introduced a UN resolution aimed at Iran's suspected nuclear weapons program yesterday, having won long-sought support from China and Russia for new sanctions against its powerful Revolutionary Guard. The draft resolution would freeze assets of nuclear-related companies linked to the Revolutionary Guard.

MARS Scientists say it's time to search for life on Mars again — something NASA hasn't done directly since 1976. This time, there's a push to bring Martian rock and soil samples back to Earth to be analyzed for fossilized traces of alien bacteria, or chemical or biological clues. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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One backward leap for mankind

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Space. The final frontier. And this time we mean it.

The shuttle Atlantis is now orbiting Earth for the last time and, by year end, the entire program will be shut down.

If astronauts want to get to the International Space Station, they'll have to hitch a ride with the Russians, at least until private companies vying for the concession are ready to take off.

I can hardly wait for that: "Welcome to American Star Lines. We're sorry for the 36-hour delay, but we had some problems with the transporter beam. If you're one of those passengers whose luggage was inadvertently sent on to Alpha Centauri, please see our baggage personnel at the ISS. Meanwhile, sit back and enjoy the flight. There will be a $100 charge for oxygen. Please have the correct change ready."

The shutdown of the shuttle program is a big blow — even bigger is Barack Obama's decision not to pursue a U.S. moon landing program, one of the few really positive ideas George W. Bush ever had.

Obama is targeting a manned orbit of Mars by 2035, but that's 25 years away. As of right now, the U.S. space program is grounded.

For a generation raised on Star Trek, that's unacceptable. I know it's fashionable to disparage the space program, especially in a recession when we need money for the little things ... like food.

But as extreme ayatollahs in Iran build nuclear bombs and we sweat the hottest decade in history, is it such a good idea to shut off our escape route? And am I the only one who sleeps better at night knowing there's a little coed $100-billion seed pod of humanity orbiting the Earth ... just in case the ayatollahs finally do learn to lock and load?

As Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, said to U.S. Congress recently, Obama's act "destines our nation to become one of second- or even third-rate stature." Which puts the U.S. right in line with its happily second- or third-rate neighbour to the north. We've been punching below our weight for so long we can give our American cousins mediocrity lessons.

If we Canadians were men and women of vision and gumption we would pick up the space baton and head for the wide-open galaxies. Instead of just building the space arm gizmo on the mother ship, we could build the whole mother ship. First stop, the moon. Then? In the immortal words of Buzz Lightyear: Infinity and beyond!

Er, excuse me. Once in a while my inner 11-year-old takes over. It's a problem.

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Word on the street: Karate Kid has been remade. What movie would you like to see get a modern update?

Anna Rinehart
Vancouver

A: The Goonies would be a good one. Maybe the Labyrinth, too, but they should make it more for adults.

Andrew Ellerman
Vancouver

A: Ghostbusters. It would be fun to see new weapons. I loved Ghostbusters as a kid. I had T-shirts and everything.

Yoona Lee
Vancouver

A: I can't think of any. Everything is already being modernized.

Tom Nightingale
Dartmouth, N.S.

A: Maybe Gone With The Wind. Not even set in the Civil War, but something more modern with one of our more contemporary wars or disasters. I think it's a story that has more life in it.

Cassandra Smith
Edmonton

A: Maybe something like Flash Dance or even Dirty Dancing because I danced my whole life, and when I was a young girl those were some (things) that I was passionate about.

Joseph Adriano Markovitch
Toronto

A: I would remake My Sister's Keeper because it was so depressing. I'd shine some light on the good that can come from tragedy instead of making people want to slit their wrists when they left.

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Facebook to use virtual money for more games
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Business

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Historic agreement

Forestry firms, environmental groups unite

Canada's top pulp and paper companies have agreed to stop logging on 29 million hectares of northern forest in a historic agreement with environmental groups, forging an alliance that unites two traditional adversaries.

Richard Brooks

The Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement announcement yesterday in Toronto followed three years of negotiations and a fierce public relations campaign against some practices of Canada's forest products industry.

"The importance of this agreement cannot be overstated," said Avrim Lazar, president and CEO of the Forest Products Association of Canada.

"In the long run, it will be more important in terms of its impact as a model of how to approach the hard problems of integrating environment and economy the whole world is facing," he said.

FPAC has committed to the highest environmental standards under an agreement that covers 72 million hectares of public land, an area bigger than Alberta and equalling about eight per cent of Canada's total land.

The agreement, which was reached just days before the announcement, calls for the suspension of new logging on 29 million hectares of the country's so-called boreal forest in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario.

Richard Brooks of Greenpeace Canada and a spokesman for the environmental groups said concerns from the public and the marketplace about wilderness conservation were key to arriving at the agreement.

"The forest products association and its 21 member companies are responding to the demand for greener products and that marketplace is going to pay close attention," he added. THE CANADIAN PRESS

France Absinthe back *en vogue*

JACQUES BRINON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Franck Choisne, the owner of the Combier distillery, in Saumur, Loire Valley, France, pours plants in a still to make absinthe. Combier profited from a recent resurgence in the U.S. of interest in absinthe, a strongly alcoholic drink flavored with wormwood and other plants that was once almost as popular as wine in French bistros, until it was banned in 1915. In France, however, absinthe is technically still illegal.

Interest rate hikes on the way?

FINANCE Canadians likely have only two weeks left to enjoy historically low interest rates.

With global markets beginning to stabilize following the recent fears over a Greek debt default, economists say the pieces are falling into place for the Bank of Canada to move off its emergency 0.25 per cent rate at the beginning of June.

Economists — and markets — have already penciled in a doubling of the policy rate in two weeks. But that is only a beginning say analysts who believe governor Mark Carney will keep on hiking rates through the rest of the year.

Even the TD Bank, which only a few months ago was advising Carney to wait until at least the third quarter of 2010, is now calling for an incremental hike beginning in June. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Microsoft takes aim at its rivals

EMAIL Microsoft Corp. is trying to make Hotmail cool again.

The free Web mail service soon will be switching to a new approach that Microsoft hopes will give Hotmail an edge over rival offerings from Yahoo Inc. and Google Inc.

The upgrade, expected this summer, will automatically sort incoming messages into different categories devoted to users' key contacts and Internet social networks. It will also provide previews of incoming photos, videos and other material without having to open an attachment or click on a link. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Celtics take commanding lead over Magic

The Boston Celtics might just roll their way back to the NBA finals if they keep this up. Paul Pierce scored 28 points, Rajon Rondo had 25 and the Boston Celtics again avoided a late collapse to take a commanding lead in the Eastern Conference finals with a 95-92 victory over the Orlando Magic in Game 2 last night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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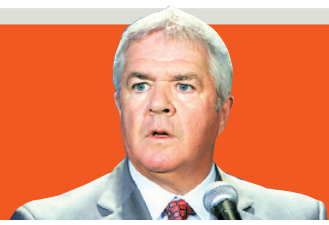

Panthers make Tallon GM

The architect of the Chicago Blackhawks recent resurgence is bringing his blueprints to Florida. Dale Tallon, left, was introduced yesterday as the new general manager of the Florida Panthers, saying he wants to turn around the franchise by focusing the same principles that worked for the once-struggling Blackhawks, a team he was GM of until July 2009. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sports in brief

NBA Former NBA player Manute Bol is hospitalized in the Washington, D.C., area with severe kidney trouble and a painful skin condition. Sudan Sunrise director Tom Prichard said the seven-foot-six Bol is in "critical care." He says Bol "had a total kidney failure" and has developed Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, which has caused Bol to lose patches of skin.

NBA The Washington Wizards have won the NBA's draft lottery and will have the No. 1 pick in next month's draft. The New Jersey Nets, which had an NBA-worst 12-70 record, fell to third. The Philadelphia 76ers moved up to grab the No. 2 pick.

IIHF A third loss in four games means Canada will have to get to the semifinals the hard way at the IIHF World Hockey Championship —through Russia. Leaving Mannheim, Germany after yesterday's chippy 3-2 loss to the Czech Republic, the Canadians will spend the rest of the tournament a couple hundred kilometres away in Cologne where the powerful Russians await tomorrow.

INDY 500 Venezuela's E.J. Viso ended the fourth day of Indianapolis 500 practice with a hard crash coming out of the first turn. Viso spun as he went through the turn and slid up the track and hit the outside wall. He was taken off the track on a stretcher but there was no immediate update on his condition.

MLB The Los Angeles Dodgers put star right-fielder Andre Ethier on the 15-day disabled list yesterday because of a broken right pinkie. The Dodgers made the move before their game against Houston, which happened to be Andre Either Bobblehead Night.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL PLAYOFFS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 3 Montreal 0 (Philadelphia leads series 2-0)
Chicago 4 San Jose 2 (Chicago leads series 2-0)

NBA PLAYOFFS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 95 Orlando 92 (Boston leads series 2-0)

IIHF CHAMPIONSHIP

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Czech Republic 3 Canada 2
Germany 2 Slovakia 1
Sweden 5 Switzerland 0
Russia 5 Finland 0

BASEBALL

YESTERDAY'S AL RESULTS

Toronto 11 Minnesota 2
Baltimore 4 Kansas City 3 (10 ings)
Boston 7 N.Y. Yankees 6
Chicago White Sox 6 Detroit 2
Tampa Bay 6 Cleveland 2
Texas 8 L.A. Angels 7
Seattle at Oakland

YESTERDAY'S NL RESULTS

Atlanta 3 N.Y. Mets 2
Chicago Cubs 6 Colorado 2
Cincinnati 5 Milwaukee 4
Florida 8 Arizona 0
Pittsburgh 2 Philadelphia 1
St. Louis 3 Washington 2
L.A. Dodgers 7 Houston 3
San Francisco at San Diego

Leighton has Habs' number

Flyers shut out Canadiens for second straight contest

(Flyers lead series 2-0)

Canadiens 0 Flyers 3

Michael Leighton made 30 saves to post his second straight shutout and Quebec natives Daniel Briere and Simon Gagne scored as the Philadelphia Flyers downed the Montreal Canadiens 3-0 in the NHL playoffs last night.

Ville Leino also scored for the Flyers, who lead the best-of-seven Eastern Conference final 2-0, with the scene now switching to Montreal for Game 3 tomorrow night.

Leighton, who shut out Montreal 6-0 in the opener, is now 4-0 in career playoff starts and has stopped all 58 shots he has faced in the series.

"It could have been 3-1 and I'd be just as happy," Leighton said. "I felt good and we did a good job of clearing rebounds.

"I try to be as normal as I can. I am trying not to think too much and just (getting) ready for the next game."

Montreal outshot the Flyers 30-23 overall, and it was a second difficult game for goaltender Jaroslav Halak. The hero of Montreal's upset wins over Washington and Pittsburgh in the first two rounds struggled again after he was pulled for allowing four goals in 14 shots in Game 1.

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Montreal Canadiens goalie Jaroslav Halak gives up a goal to Philadelphia Flyer Simon Gagne, not pictured, last night.

Halak now has a 7-2-1 career record in games after he was pulled. He bounced back with strong performances in the first two rounds after being pulled but couldn't do it this time.

The Flyers, who came back to beat Boston with four consecutive wins, won a sixth straight playoff game for the first time since they did it in 1995 against Buffalo and the New York Rangers. Philadelphia is 16-0 all-time when going up 2-0 in a series.

The game opened exactly as it did in Game 1, with Montreal getting an early power play negated by a call against Scott Gomez and then Philadelphia scoring with their man advantage.

Last game, it was Braydon Coburn at 3:55 of the first period. This time, it was Briere roofing a shot from close range at 4:16 for his ninth of the post-season to give the Flyers the lead.

And like Game 1, Montreal dominated the shots - 13-6 last time, 16-6 this time — but couldn't beat Leighton for a fourth straight period. The difference was that this time Montreal also dominated the play.

The Canadiens had the puck much of the second frame as well, but got few good chances and the Flyers extended their lead with their second power-play goal in as many chances.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Road warriors: Hawks sink Sharks to take 2-0 lead

(Chicago leads series 2-0)

Blackhawks 4 Sharks 2

NHL Dustin Byfuglien and Jonathan Toews scored on deflections 90 seconds apart in the second period and the Chicago Blackhawks rolled to their record-tying seventh straight road win in the playoffs, 4-2 over the San Jose Sharks in Game 2 of the Western Conference final last night.

Andrew Ladd and Troy Brouwer also scored and Antti Niemi made 25 saves for the Blackhawks, who have a 2-0 series lead. This is the closest Chicago has been to making the Stanley Cup final since getting there in 1992.

The series moves to Chicago for Game 3 on Friday night and Game 4 on Sunday. That may not be the best thing for the Blackhawks, who are only 3-3 at home this post-season.

Chicago has had its most success on the road, clinching the first two series in Nashville and Vancouver before taking the first two against the top-seeded Sharks in a heavyweight conference final. The Blackhawks are the fifth team to win seven straight road games in a post-season.

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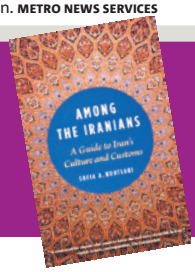

Among the Iranians

In Among the Iranians, Greek-born author Sofia A. Koutlaki shares the lessons she's learned firsthand as a foreigner living in Tehran. Koutlaki presents a side of Iran that foreigners rarely see in a practical guide, offering insight about Iranian dress, etiquette and even food.

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Drink from Évian's beauty

Open and welcoming, this French town exceeds its reputation

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Metro World News

Why splash your cash in Geneva when you can take a refreshing trip to the charming French town of Évian-les-Bains?

Metro tells you the reasons why a visit to Évian is worth the trip.

WHY GO NOW?

The purity and health benefits of Évian's mineral water were discovered at the end of the 18th century but it wasn't until the 1930s that its reputation as one of the world's premier spa towns was established. Evian water may be snobbery in a bottle, but the town itself couldn't be more removed from that image, with unique surroundings and people who are open and welcoming.

IT'S MY FIRST TIME, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

With sweeping views across Lake Geneva, the Spa Hotel Royal (evianroyalresort.com) offers an array of activities. The Relaxation and Dynamisation package is perfect for overwhelmed, exhausted urbanites.

Treatments include reflexology, Reiki, seaweed body wraps and there's also a sauna and on site beauty therapists. As nice as it is to be pampered, those that prefer the outdoors can choose the Golf and Spa option with access to the Evian Masters Golf Club.

I'VE BEEN BEFORE. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Discover how a bottle of Evian gets from the water source to the supermarket shelf at the bottling plant located in the nearby town of Amphion-les-Bains. After a historical and geological video presentation, move over to the glass gallery where you will see the entire bottling process (5 million litres of water are bottled daily) from start to finish, the manufacturing, racking, conditioning and shipping.

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With its spectacular pools, relaxing was never so easy.

BEST WAY TO SPEND AN AFTERNOON?

The town centre is a wonderful blend of French and Swiss heritage. The shops are small, quaint and arranged in an orderly manner (very Swiss) yet you cannot ignore the French "je ne sais quoi" as you hear the brouhaha of voices coming from the bars and brasseries.

WHAT'S THE NIGHTLIFE LIKE?

Évian's nightlife is almost as still as its water. For an ebb and flow of activity, head towards the leafy lakefront. Port des Mouettes, the town's modern marina has some fantastic terraces where you can sit and soak up the last rays of sunshine as you watch people on roller blades.

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Slip into Saigon's soul

How to do Vietnam's largest city on a budget

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

Vietnam's largest city is a dizzying experience. From the screeching of motorbikes, magnificent street food rich cultural heritage, Ho Chi Minh, formerly Saigon, is a sparkling gem.

Here's how you can do it on a budget.

DAILY BUDGET

$50

EAT

Quan an Ngon

Gathered around individual cooking stations, top street chefs each sell their specialty. Sample a variety or be faithful to one.

The noodle soups are divine.

STAY

Thuan Thien Hotel

Central location on 277 Le Thanh Ton means you're within walking distance of Ben Thanh Market and the Notre Dame Cathedral (a reminder of the French colonial heritage). (agoda.com)

GO

Binh Tay Market

Try a café sua da (iced coffee topped with condensed milk) from Café Terrace then head to the market and rummage through anything from candied fruit, to duck eggs to flip-flops.

DAILY BUDGET

$100

EAT

The Temple Club

Converted Chinese Temple on Ton That Thiep Street is a popular hangout for the expat and colonial community. Try "Long Va" grilled fish coated in peanut and garlic. Funky and eclectic vibe.

STAY

Sunflower Hotel

Sunny and spacious with flawless service. Wi-Fi, breakfast and cable TV are included.

And they will even do your laundry. Treat yourself to a massage or a bubbling Jacuzzi.

(sunflower-saigon.com)

GO

Dong Khoi Street

Magnet for Saigon's DIY fashionistas. Tailors Tricia and

Verona in nearby Dong Street have a 24-hour turnaround and tailor made suits and dresses from $34.

(triciaandverona.com)

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Feel the vibes as you stroll through Binh Tay Market.

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Condura Tarp-Poncho

Get your trip into gear with gadgets

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seatosummit.com

So it's a small towel right – big deal? Well, yes, but it's really really really small. The pouch it squeezes into can fit into your jeans pocket yet because of its awfully scientific microfiber make-up it does a pretty good job of getting you dry.

Anti-bacterial paper soap
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Lighten the load a little and take paper soap with you when you travel. The little plastic case measures only 4.5 cm x 6.5cm and contains 30 sheets of anti-bacterial soap. Simply remove a sheet from the pack, add water and lather away. The paper soap pack doesn't contain liquid, so can be carried in hand luggage on flights and weighs very little. Mint and eucalyptus fragrance.

Sea To Summit Siliconized Cordura Tarp-Poncho
seatosummit.com

Slightly weird-looking but dead handy all-in-one raincoat/tarp/pack cover/groundsheet. Seriously.

It's made from super lightweight and waterproof Ultra-Sil fabric — which is obviously impervious to water — and the seams are securely taped to prevent seepage and it does seem to be made to a very high standard.

It will usually be used as a rain poncho with an ergonomic three-panel hood with generous brim to keep the rain off your face (and your glasses), and it's comfortably big enough to cover all but the most ridiculously huge packs.

But it can also be used as a groundsheet and, the makers claim, as an emergency shelter in its own right. The bottom corners feature guy rope attachment points but just how you would use it require some creative thinking.

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Metro Drive

Obama's ride sold

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Summer blockbusters

Hottest 2011 models under $50K

MICHAEL GOETZ
for Metro Canada

The loudest setting on guitar amps is 10. The exceptions of course, are the amps of Spinal Tap's Nigel Tufnel. All his "go to 11." He knows 11 is special, magical even. How about for vehicles? Will model year 2011 be special?

We'll soon find out, as many notable 2011 model year vehicles arrive at dealerships through the summer and early fall.

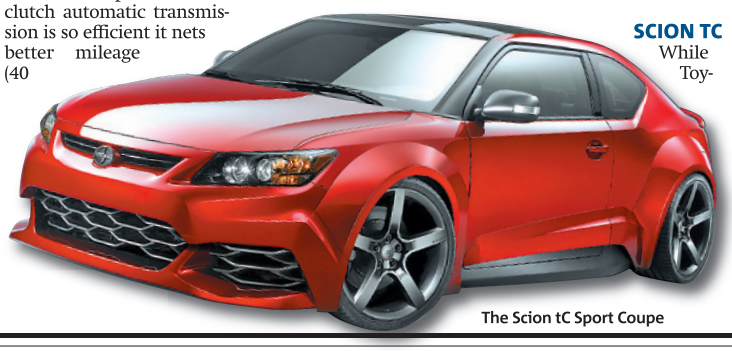
Following are some early 2011 models that we feel will make some serious noise (in a good way) with potential buyers. While there will be plenty of expensive, dream cars to heat up summer, we're keeping things under 50 grand, and keeping a particular eye on the brace of exciting new products which thrive in urban environments.

FORD FIESTA

The new Fiesta has had a bit too much preamble, but the new "premium" subcompact does have a lot to offer. A new six-speed double-clutch automatic transmission is so efficient it nets better mileage (40 mpg) than the five-speed manual. Luxury options include leather, ambient lighting, and SYNC. The $12,999 base model is a four-door sedan. Five-door hatch models start at $16,799.

MAZDA2

Unlike the rest of the world, we here in North American have been Mazda2-deprived. But all that changes this June when the subcompact arrives ready to flaunt its curvaceous lines and zoom-ability. In Canada, Mazda2 is only available as a five-door hatch, starting at $13,995.



The Scion tC Sport Coupe

SCION TC

While Toyota's Scion division has been in the U.S. since 2002, the Canadian adventure begins this fall. One of the Scions that will be available from the "get go" will be the tC sport coupe, now featuring a 180-hp 2.5-litre engine, 18-inch wheels and fender flares.

NISSAN JUKE

You'd think there couldn't any more crossover niches, but here is the Nissan Juke, based on the same platform as Versa and Cube, but definitely going its own way, with extroverted styling, a new 180-hp engine, and an AWD system programmed to make cornering a hoot.

KIA SPORTAGE

Following on the heels of the 2011 Sorento crossover, is the slightly smaller Kia Sportage. Look for it on dealership lots by June, with a starting MRSP of $21,995. Sportage features the Kia-Hyundai 2.4-litre I4 engine and lots of kit, including Vehicle Stability Management (VSM), which actually nudges the steering wheel to keep you tracking on your intended path.

BUICK REGAL

The midsize Buick Regal, starting at $31,990, could be the new poster child for the re-incarnated GM. It's closely based on Opel Insignia (2009 European Car of the Year), and features the new and nifty 2.4-litre direct-injection 182-hp I4. Regal's CLX Turbo model ($34,990) packs a 220-hp 2.0-litre I4.

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Application boom at Montreal English CÉGEPs
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Cute, cuddly and at your service

Working dogs and heroic cats can sometimes be the only thing able to save a life

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Many people think of their animals as furry kids that are good company and not much more, but some pets land life-saving jobs.

Mary Siemiesz has seen a lot of amazing animals in her 14 years as honorary curator for the Purina Animal Hall of Fame. This year's service animal inductee was Bingo, a Jack Russell Terrier from Shilo, Man. Bingo is owned by Mandi and Dwayne Hein, whose eight-year-old son Cole has a condition that causes him to retch and often stop breathing. Before Bingo Mandi and Dwayne had to monitor their son constantly. When Dwayne, a member of the Canadian Forces, was dispatched to Afghanistan, it left Mandi as the lone protector — at least until the National Service Dogs organization hooked her up with Bingo.

Bingo was trained to start barking when Cole starts retching, so life-saving help can come quickly. Bingo is with Cole around the clock, taking a lot of worry off the shoulders of the Heins.

"Mandi has been very grateful for Bingo," Siemiesz says. "We feel it's very important to showcase these stories and celebrate the roll pets play in our lives."

It's usually a dog who does the life saving, but this year's inductees included Gepetto, the Alberta cat who alerted his owners to a potentially deadly carbon monoxide leak.

"In many situations, the owners are actually surprised at the behaviour of the pet," she says. "It almost seems to be that they just know what to do."

Reba, Creig Veinot's Czechoslovakian Shepherd (as he describes her) works as a civilian member of an RCMP-run search-and-rescue team in Lunenburg, N.S.

"Everyone wants to know if there's any relation to Reba McIntyre, but she can't sing," Veinot jokes.

"We get a call from the RCMP with the location and a little description of what's taken place. We pick an area and go from there," he explains. "If we get into a place where the person has travelled, they track them by scent."

Veinot used to use bloodhounds, which have a sharper nose, but they are also slow and heavy creatures weighing in at 125 pounds and struggle with rough terrain. Reba is a lean, leaping 61 pounds. "When we come to a tree across the road, it's me I've got to worry about," he says.

Reba is also the family pet and the Veinots take her with them everywhere so they're ready to spring into action.

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CAF report highlights best practices of high school to apprenticeship transition programs

Last week, the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum released a report based on the CAF's High School to Apprenticeship Transition programs. Key findings include the need to communicate the benefits of participating in transition programs and getting buy-in from key players. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Profanity not enough to get fired

WorkplaceLaw

Canadian employers often assume that any misconduct is ample cause to fire their employees. They are generally mistaken. This is the story of one employer who learned this lesson the hard way.

Having worked for the same ownership at Regina-based Image 1 Hair Team for 22 years, hair stylist Lenna Bohay was shocked to learn that the Salon's owners had sold the Salon to another stylist, Kelly Brown. Bohay and Brown were no longer friends, and the sale meant that she would lose a number of health benefits she had been using.

Upset at the sale and distraught about her personal life, Bohay was overheard griping about the sale and Brown's ability to run the Salon. When Brown learned that Bohay was not taking the news well, she confronted her. The two met after work and Bohay denied mocking the sale, explaining that she was having family problems. In her explanation, Bohay used the "F-word" a number of times, even directing it towards her new boss. According to Brown, Bohay told her to "f–k off."

Believing that Bohay's profanity and attitude provided ample cause to dismiss her without warning, Brown immediately fired her. Bohay struck back with a wrongful dismissal lawsuit.

At a recent trial in Saskatchewan, Bohay's lawyer argued that Bohay's comments did not justify her dismissal since her outburst was isolated and she had not been previously warned. The judge agreed.

The Salon had an obligation to consider Bohay's situation, including her otherwise stellar employment record, her personal problems and testimony that her outburst was out of character. Further, for profanity to justify her dismissal, the court stated that Bohay had to be first warned. Instead, the Salon had acted too quickly in pulling the trigger on Bohay's termination and with it, had to pay damages to an ex-employee.

Failing to provide a warning before dismissing a long-term employee can carry an expensive price tag for Canadian employers. Courts will consider the nature and degree of misconduct to determine whether dismissal without pay is justified. Employers and employees should take note of the following advice:

- It is only the rarest misconduct, such as theft or dishonesty, that warrants dismissal without appropriate warnings;
- Profanity and rudeness must be addressed by corrective discipline, which is a gradual series of warnings; and
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Entertainment

Much Moore

Demi Moore is writing her autobiography. The 47-year-old actress is meeting with publishers in New York to sell the rights, her agent Luke Janklow has confirmed.

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Mock action hero

Big screen spinoff of SNL's MacGruber hijacks the genre

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

It's been 10 years since the last time a character from Saturday Night Live got a feature length spinoff (that would be the underwhelming The Ladies Man for those keeping score at home), but this week a new entry in the comedy subgenre of SNL movies hits the big screen.

MacGruber started as a brief parody of the '80s DIY crimefighter MacGyver. The sketches were simple: MacGruber struggled to create a homemade bomb-defusing device while bickering with his scene partners before being blown up in a stock footage explosion.

These 90-second sketches struck a chord with audiences, peaking with a Super Bowl commercial featuring MacGyver himself, Richard Dean Anderson. It's not exactly a sketch begging for big screen treatment, but one that Will Forte and co-writer/director Jorma Taccone (known for his directing work on SNL's Internet-ready Digital Shorts) have turned into one of the best SNL movie spinoffs to ever theaters.

MacGruber opens Friday

The reason MacGruber works as a film is because the creators didn't simply repeat their sketch formula, but expanded the scope of the character to create a loving homage/parody of testosterone driven action films.

"It's a lot different than the sketch," Will Forte says. "I think people are expecting that it's just going to be the sketch over and over again for 90 minutes, but they should be pleasantly surprised by how different it is."

"I think in terms of the inspiration, the movie really came from our love of late '80s and early '90s action movies," says Jorma Taccone. "This was our attempt at making an ode to those movies, so we wanted everything surrounding MacGruber to be as deadpan and serious as possible. Out intention was to make it less goofy than you would expect from an SNL movie."

As a result, the film looks like a glossy blockbuster, is packed with explosions, and features a cast of dramatic actors like Val Kilmer and Powers Boothe playing their silly roles absolutely straight.

MacGruber doesn't feel like a movie rooted in sketch comedy, but a vintage action flick highjacked by some subversive comic minds willing to have their hero distract machine gun toting villains by stripping nude and using a stock of celery in an unnatural manner.

MacGruber is a loving parody of testosterone-driven action films.

Sure, it's not exactly high art, but it is incredibly funny and surprisingly cinematic given the origins of the piece.

"Every step of the way we thought that someone was going to come in and say, 'Oh, you can't do that.' But that never happened. We had so much freedom on this and really were able to make exactly the movie we wanted to make. It was shocking."

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Daughtry set to be a dad again
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Fiona forever after

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

It's hard to imagine anyone discussing a follow-up to something called Shrek: The Final Chapter, but star Cameron Diaz insists she's ready, willing and able to lend her voice as Princess Fiona again.

"It's easy. It's not like asking me if I'm going to do Charlie's Angels 10 years from now," Diaz says. "It's a little different fitting into those pants from 10 years ago. But with Shrek of course we get to go back to whatever they will be 10 years from now. And hopefully we won't have to wait that long."

After four films, Diaz definitely feels close to Princess Fiona, who in the latest chapter gets recast as something of a warrior princess, thanks to an It's a Wonderful Life-inspired plot plopping the titular ogre in a world in which he'd never been born. But for Diaz, Fiona with a battle axe wasn't much of a stretch.

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Cameron Diaz lends her voice as Princess Fiona again in Shrek Forever After, the fourth and final installment in the film series.

"Fiona's always been a warrior. It's just been a different tone for this film," she says. "She's been a warrior of love through all of these films — what she's worked for, what she's fought for is the love that she has for herself and the love that she has for Shrek and her family and friends."

And while the twisting plot gave her a chance to express a different side of her character, there are still some things Diaz herself would like to go back and undo. "When I first started the movie, when I did my voice, I didn't know who was playing my parents," she says. Diaz admits she would've gone for something a little more Anglican "if I had known that Fiona's parents both had British accents — that it was Julie Andrews and John Cleese. It was one of those things like, 'Wait a second! How come I sound like I'm from California?'"

And while she might not resemble her green-skinned on-screen counterpart in real life that much, that hasn't saved Diaz from some uncomfortable fan encounters — though it's usually the parents. "I've had parents come up with their kids and say, 'Do you know who this is? This is Princess Fiona.' And the kids are literally in tears," Diaz says.

"I try to stop them before they tell them because as a kid, you fall in love with characters and you want them to be real. You don't want to believe there's a human being behind it. Same way you want to believe in Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny. So I'm always like, 'Please don't tell them. Don't.' Let Fiona exist as Fiona."

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critics' corner

The Good Guys
As the executive producer of the cable hit "Burn Notice," Matt Nix knows something about combining crime, action and a little comic relief. He brings that skill to this new series starring Bradley Whitford and Colin Hanks as a pair of detectives whose routine investigations of minor crimes tend to lead to bigger things. In this sneak preview, it's the theft of a humidifier that thrusts them into a case involving drug smugglers, assassins and more. 5 PM on STR

Criminal Minds
Predators on the Internet are nothing new, but with the explosion of social networking sites in recent years, some of them are having an easier time finding potential victims. That's the case in this new episode, as Rossi (Joe Mantegna) and the BAU team try to come up with a profile of a serial killer who hunts his prey online. Thomas Gibson and Paget Brewster also star in "The Internet Is Forever." 8 PM on CTV

How much would you pay to hear Bristol speak?

Bristol Palin recently told People magazine that being a single mother was financially difficult for her. Well, this should help a little. Palin is set to join the speaker circuit and stands to make between $15,000 and $30,000 US per speech, RadarOnline reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Down on both knees

FEELING THE COLD STEEL OF HER SWORD Simon Cowell will soon be answering to "Sir," as the American Idol judge is reportedly set to be knighted by the Queen of England next month, according to the Daily Mirror.

"Simon deserves the honour because he does so much work behind the scenes for charity and publicly supports good causes," a source says.

"Simon has always joked he'd be last in line for a knighthood, but deep down, it's his dream."

Cowell was reportedly recommended by former Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

"Gordon Brown was very keen for Simon to get proper recognition for his work," a source close to Brown says. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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Bieber gets a bitty baby bird on his hip

AND THREE MILLION 13-YEAR-OLD GIRLS TAKE UP BIRD WATCHING Justin Bieber has got a tattoo, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 16-year-old singer reportedly had a small bird inked onto his hip shortly after his 16th birthday in March, at the Son of a Gun tattoo parlour in Toronto.

According to gossip website bestweekever.tv, having the design marked a family tradition.

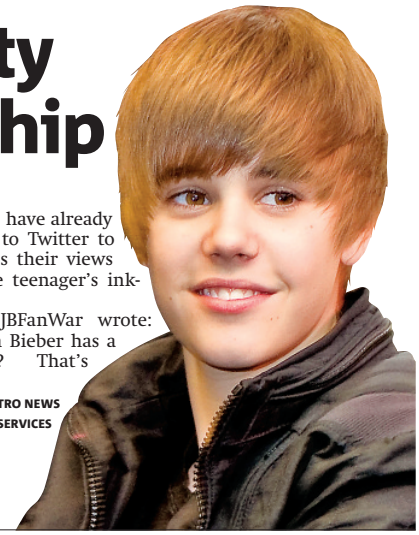
Justin was accompanied to the tattoo parlour by his father Jeremy, who "showed his approval by giving a thumbs-up when they posed for a photo with staff."

The site also published pictures of the baby hitmaker on the tattooist's table, though a clear image of the completed design could not be seen.

However, photographs of him topless on a beach in Sydney, Australia, show the artwork visible on his pelvis.

Fans have already taken to Twitter to express their views on the teenager's inking.

StopJBFanWar wrote: "Justin Bieber has a tattoo? That's hot." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



All dogs go to heaven

OR WHEREVER SCIENTOLOGISTS GO WHEN THEY DIE John Travolta's pet dogs have been killed in an airport accident, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor was having his plane serviced at Bangor International Airport, in Maine, and asked an airport employee to take the animals for a walk last Thursday, only for tragedy to strike.

A statement from the city said: "At approximately 1 a.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2010, an airplane carrying members of the John Travolta family landed at BIA.

"While there, two small dogs were taken for a walk by someone who is not a family member.

"An airport service pick-up truck was approaching the airplane to service the airplane and did not see the dogs.

"Unfortunately, the dogs were struck and killed. The airport is investigating the accident.

"Out of respect for the family's privacy the city will make no further comment." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Risky business replaced by baby

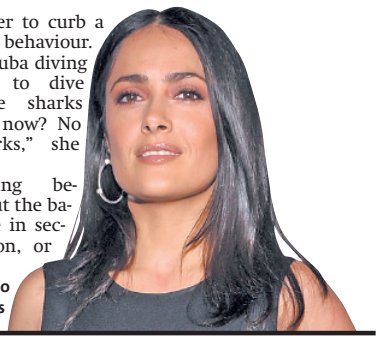
PERSPECTIVE IS NICE BUT SO IS THE VIEW OF EARTH FROM SPACE Salma Hayek was all set to travel to outer space, but then motherhood got in the way.

"I reserved my place with the Virgin Galactic' expedition. And then I got pregnant. And now I'm a mother. So, I'm not going to go," Hayek tells InStyle magazine.

She admits that her two-year-old daughter has influenced her to curb a lot of risky behaviour.

"I love scuba diving and used to dive where the sharks were, and now? No more sharks," she says.

"Everything becomes about the baby. You are in second position, or third." **METRO WORLD NEWS**



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COURTNEY LOVE is going into television, **JOHN CLEESE** can't be bothered to do his own Twittering, **MARIAH CAREY** is putting out fires, and **MATTHEW PERRY** is surrounded by tough critics.

@CourtneyLoveUK So ive caved im producing a 'reality show' BUT itll be amazing and i wont be on it much

@JohnCleese Dear followers, I am dictating this to Garry, as I am resting after a long day of skipping and jumping with my new knee...

@MariahCarey In Egypt getting ready to go on stage and suddenly there was a surge of power and an electrical fire started under my feet! Naturally, my emergency instincts kicked in and I put out the flames w/a towel. Lol(yet true)

@langfordperry The tooth fairy is playing on my airplane. 4 people have already walked out. They are of course now dead. Still, not a bad move. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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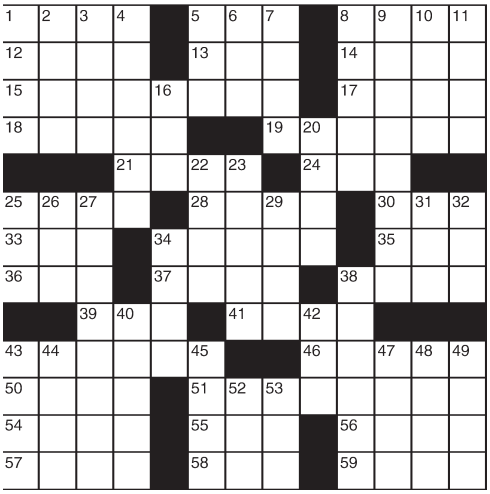

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8 Cruising
12 Litigious sort
13 List-ending abbr.
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15 SpongeBob's pal Patrick, e.g.
17 Tortoise's challenger
18 Cast away
19 Fairy king of folklore
21 Addition problems
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25 Witticism
28 British prep school
30 Glutton
33 Feedbag tidbit
34 Absolute
35 "— had it!"
36 Monokini lack
37 Galley array
38 Unwanted e-mail
39 Geneticist's abbr.
41 Cavort
43 Different from
46 Stares stupidly
50 Jockey's handful
51 Hoagy Carmichael classic
54 Wilder or Hackman
55 Spot on a domino
56 Otherwise
57 Work units
58 Still
59 Jet forth

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4 Take into custody
5 Mainlander's memento
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7 Reverberate
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Asian Chicken Salad

INGREDIENTS:

Salad:
500 g romaine lettuce
113 g snow peas
398 ml can lychees, drained and halved
1 large navel orange, peeled and sectioned
1 red plum, pitted and sliced
4 scallions, thinly sliced
375 g skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

Dressing:
1/3 cup light mayonnaise
3 tbsp creamy peanut butter
1 garlic clove, minced

METHOD:

1. Finely shred romaine and put into large salad bowl. Trim snow peas and remove strings. Cut peas in half on diagonal and add to salad bowl. Add lychees, orange, plum, and scallions; toss to mix.

2. Coat ridged grill pan with nonstick cooking spray and set over medium-high heat until hot, 2 minutes. Grill chicken breasts until cooked through, 4 minutes per side.

3. Meanwhile, whisk mayonnaise, peanut butter and garlic in measuring cup. Diagonally cut chicken into thin slices and add to salad bowl. Right before serving, drizzle salad with dressing and toss to coat.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Your mind may be all over the place at the moment, but that's no excuse for making the kind of silly mistakes that you would give others an ear-bashing for.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
If you rush into a new situation without giving it adequate thought you risk getting it wrong and damaging your reputation.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The Sun in Taurus makes you sensitive in the extreme and you may find it hard to face the world. So close the curtains and stay indoors.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Everything seems to be coming easy to you now, but watch out you don't get lulled into a false sense of security.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Usually you manage to keep your fears in check but with your ruler the Sun at odds with Neptune today something is sure to make you anxious.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Take the advice that your body is giving you and get some rest. On Friday you will be under pressure every minute of the day, so treat yourself gently now.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
It's okay to daydream but it's not okay to believe that somehow all your daydreams will come true.

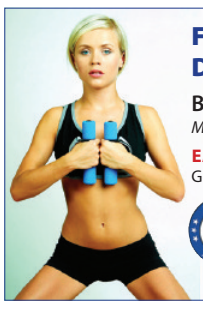
SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Watch out you don't get the wrong end of the stick and say or do something you later regret.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Listen to the advice you get from friends and family members today but don't think you have to accept it without question.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't change your plans just because you are having second thoughts about a project you were previously so enthusiastic about.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You could get rather irritable today, especially if you have to deal with people who tend to let their emotions get in the way of common

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
It would appear that someone is looking for an opportunity to tarnish your reputation, but they will only succeed if you do something foolish.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